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RECEIVE THE FLEET, WITH DILLIES

Strange Character of Honolulu's Evening News to Prepare for a Great American Afloat Visit.

The first plan made public in Honolulu for the reception of the great American fleet is an effort on the part of the head of the police department to double his force of men with dillies, so that there may be an extra head-cracking brigade. Other cities have public committees at work planning welcomes and entertainments, San Francisco being about to spend \$100,000 for the navy boys. This is good news to the jacks. For the sake of Honolulu's reputation in the navy we hope that the remarks attributed to our chief of police will not reach many of them. It is not true—it is not anywhere near true—that the press reports from South America are such that "preparations to receive them,"—police preparations,—can hardly be started too soon. The press accounts say that the conduct of Admiral Evans' battleship crowds was such that the British Governor of Trinidad specially complimented Admiral Evans. It is true that some of the torpedo boat men had a difficulty with police, and that there have been numerous arrests for drunkenness, but the body of sailormen is very large and some trouble can hardly be avoided.

The statement is made on good authority that Admiral Evans is what the street calls "sore" at Honolulu as a result of experiences with the police on his last visit. The admiral is an officer who likes to look after his own men. It is one of the bases of his immense popularity among the jacks that if any of them get into trouble, he is ever ready to take a personal interest, back up his men and keep them from shore-punishments and disgrace,—and then, when the culprits are back aboard, give them an adequate dose of naval severity of discipline. During his last visit some friction over his not being allowed to meet out punishments himself,—coupled with dissatisfaction of men and officers at our federal-territorial fight laws, caused comment adverse to Honolulu in the fleet.

That Honolulu should hail the news of a big fleet's possible visit here with a cry of "police" is inconceivable folly, as well as injustice to the men. The "Big Four," which probably sent ashore nearly as many men at a time as the whole fleet would allow, stayed here over two weeks and had no serious trouble, because of a reasonable police policy in treatment of them. Honolulu will look nice indeed if the suggestion offered in the Advertiser this morning is carried out,—to have the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association gather and discuss arming special police to receive an American fleet. They had better meet and discuss entertaining the visitors.

THE LAND POLICY OF THE FUTURE.

Governor Frear's Address Clearly Indicates What It Is to Be and How to Carry It Out.

Governor Frear's remarks on the land and immigration problems are important as showing very definitely the policy of his administration, which is beyond question the policy that will be backed in the White House, and as pointing out very serious defects in the existing land laws of the islands. It is certainly foolish to discuss whether farmers brought here will be fake or genuine, or to listen to any charge so preposterous as that schemers plan importing hundreds, perhaps thousands, of American citizens to act for them as dummy settlers on public land. No more silly suggestion has emanated locally, perhaps, since a brilliant Home Rule statesman introduced a bill to fan local prosperity by enacting that "the price of fish shall be ten cents a pound." The American farmer might possibly prove a failure, in which case he would naturally leave. But if he is brought to the lands, under conditions which make the cultivation of the land and the establishment of a home, necessary to securing a title, the experiment will have been fairly launched. Governor Frear points out that our laws hardly permit this. They offer loopholes by means of which the man who takes land can profit by it even if he simply lets it alone and devotes his time to something else, and of course under human nature this gives the land a very greatly reduced power of holding a settler. Governor Frear suggests going to Congress for amendments of the land laws which will remove these defects in them. The proposition is one that might well be taken up immediately with the Delegate in Congress.

Can it be possible that Jack Atkinson worked to establish those parks so that he might have spaces on which to make campaign speeches?

If Kinney's successor as Democratic leader makes as much trouble for the enemy as Kinney made, the political dull season is a long way off. It must be remembered, however, that the blunders of the Republicans enabled Kinney to do it.

Honolulu feels her share of the panic losses in the reduction of tourist and other travel. The failure of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce excursion scheme, is an example. The general stay-at-home tendency among Americans of the travelling class, who have either lost so much that they are not inclined to spend money on trips or want to stay at home and watch the situation, may last some months.

Japan's proposed regulations to stop immigration throw some light on the difficulty of reaching an agreement on a treaty or exclusion law, affecting either Hawaii or the Mainland. Obviously if the relatives of those already on American soil,—even to the limit of brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law,—are to be allowed to come in, the doors are open for a continued large influx, which is something the United States will not stand. On the other hand, can Japan be expected to consent to the family separations involved in more stringent regulations?

The closing of the Hawaiian and Moana hotels is greatly to be deplored. Though such shutting down is common in many Mainland communities which rely largely on tourist business, it has not before been found necessary here. Of course no private citizen can be expected to maintain such ventures at a loss. It must be said that al-

The Man and His Job

By HERBERT L. HAPGOOD.

"The man who is down in the mouth and kicking because he has 'got no chance' is a good deal like the boy who is looking up the leg of the seven foot giant in a sideshow. He feels his own littleness because of the other fellow's bigness. But the race is not always to the swift nor to the big. History shows it. Business shows it. Nature shows it."

The fellow who thinks he has "got no chance" should have been a spectator at a recent race between bees and pigeons in Germany. Everybody was betting on the pigeons. They were of the real "carrier" stock—big and strong and well groomed. Nobody would take a chance on the poor little bees. They made a dismal showing as they sat on a piece of sugar cooped up under a glass. What show would a poor little insect have against a big husky pigeon several hundred times its size? The odds were against the little yellow fellows in every way. A gust of wind, a cloud of dust, or a sudden shower, could put them out of business any time. To handicap them still farther, every one of the bees was rolled in flour before the start so that it could be properly identified at the finish. The distance was three miles and the bees won. The first bee landed fifteen seconds ahead of the first pigeon, while three other bees came in ahead of the second pigeon, showing that the bee is all business when it comes to making good in the face of heavy odds.

Now, you have got certain troubles and obstacles besetting your path. That's what the bees had to risk in the shape of bad weather, and cross winds. You know that something may happen—the unexpected—may prove a serious set back just at the very moment when you consider your chances fine. That's what the bees had to take in the way of flour. Then there's an element of opportunity—people call it luck—in which you have got to feel at home like a fish in water. A single shower would have turned those bees into just so many dough-balls.

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mann said at a dinner, "I find the women of Boston marvelously learned. How different things are in London," he said. "There I once overheard a cook correcting the grammar of a house maid. 'Don't say "ax," you vulgar critter,' corrected the cook, say "Harek."'

EDITOR STAR:—We've been eating peanut taffy, but willing to deny ourselves fifty cents' worth; and, give (14 nickels) to the Free Kindergarten.

EDITOR TIMES.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

Prof. Kuhnemann of the University of Berlin was tremendously impressed on his recent visit to Boston with the learning of Boston's women. "From the highest to the lowest class," Prof. Kuhnemann said, "I found them all well educated."

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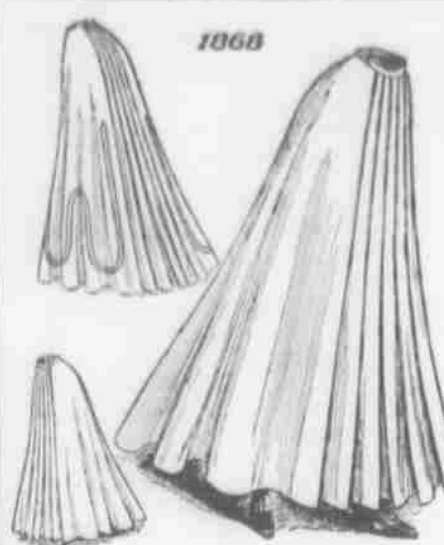
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